Mark Your Calendars.

- Executive Committee Meetings – 5/9
- FACULTY MEETING: April 23, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in 2113 Chincoteague
- End of Year Celebration: May 11, 2018 12:00-2:00pm in 1101 Morrill Hall
- GVPT Graduation: Monday, May 21, 2018 at 12:30pm in the Armory

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

I begin with sad news that Professor Karen L. Dawisha passed on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 in Oxford, Ohio. Professor Dawisha was a member of the Department from 1985 to 2000. She held the title of Professor and served as the Director of our Center for the Study of Post-Communist Societies. Karen left the University of Maryland and accepted a position as the first Walter E. Havighurst Professor of Political Science in the Department of Political Science at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and was the founding Director of the Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies.

She was a major scholar in comparative politics, an influential public intellectual, and a mentor to generations of undergraduate and graduate students. An expert in Russian politics and the rise of Vladimir Putin, Dr. Dawisha leaves an extraordinary legacy that will continue to shape the field for years to come.

We will wrap things up this academic year with our GVPT “End of Year Reception” on Study Day, May 11th at 12:30pm in 1101 Morrill Hall. We will announce the 2017-2018 departmental, college and university awards listed below. You will also have the opportunity to meet our Commencement Speaker as well. I hope to see you there.

FACULTY

Todd Allee 2018-2019 winner of the RASA Semester Award
Sarah Croco 2017-18 Philip Merrill Presidential Scholar Mentor, Office of Undergraduate Studies
Michael Hanmer Awarded the BSOS Excellence in Mentorship Award
Stella Rouse 2018-2019 winner of the RASA Semester Award
Michael Spivey 2018 Excellence in Teaching Award - Lecturer or Instructor
Shibley Telhami 2018-2019 Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Award

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Catherine Kane 2017 Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award
Jacob Lewis 2018 Excellence in Teaching Award - Graduate Instructor/Lecturer
Jared McDonald 2017-18 Conley Dillon Award
Candace Turritto 2017-18 James F. Hoobler Fellowship Award
Katti McNally 2017-18 Roger Davidson Award
Andrew Lugg 2017-18 Donald C. Piper Award
Trey Billing 2017-18 Donald C. Piper Award

The GVPT Commencement ceremony will take place on Monday, May 21st, 2018 at 12:30PM in the Armory. If you are a volunteer, thanks very much! If not, please consider being a part of this very important event in the lives of our students and our department in the near future.

Government and Politics, CAPC, and CIDCM/MIDCM all participated in Maryland Day 2018 on April 28th. Many of the attendees took our “U.S. Citizenship Test” and the “name the country flag” quiz to win our GVPT pens and GVPT phone wallets this year. Those who dropped by the CAPC site played a new game “Fact from Fiction in U.S. Politics: Who Can Tell the Difference?” where guests tried to discern a fake headline from a real headline in a trivia challenge with increasing difficulty. Thanks to all the students, staff, and faculty who made it out this year to help at our tables, and thanks to all those who attended and made this event possible.
On April 8th, Team GVPT participated in the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile Run for the fifth year. We placed 1st in the new “Educational Institutions” division of the CUCB team competition! Frances Lee, Kelsey Hinchliffe, Jared McDonald, Mike Mansfield, Jennie Wallace (not shown), and Haley Auguston, and I all participated.

Thank you for following us and for a wonderful semester and our next newsletter will be available in September at the beginning of the Fall 19 semester.

Irwin L. Morris
Professor and Chair

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Ann Marie, the faculty, and students did a remarkable job with our graduate recruitment efforts. We have an outstanding entering cohort. Thank you for all of your help with recruitment.

Please be sure to register soon for Fall so we can avoid having to cancel classes due to low enrollment and so that we can minimize assignment switching due to course conflicts.

Please join me in congratulating the following students who won UMD, BSOS, or GVPT awards:

- **Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship**: Heather Hicks, Brandon Ives
- **ALL-S.T.A.R. Award**: Marjorie Breslawski
- **Graduate School’s Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award**: Margaret McWeeney
- **Graduate School Summer Research Award**: Trey Billing
- **BSOS Excellence in Teaching Award (Instructor/Lecturer)**: Jacob Lewis
- **BSOS Excellence in Teaching Award (TA)**: Trey Billing
- **Roger H. Davidson Award**: Katti McNally
- **Conley H. Dillon Memorial Award**: Jared McDonald
- **James F. Hoobler Fellowship Award**: Candace Turitto
- **Don C. Piper Award**: Andrew Lugg and Trey Billing
- **Outstanding Mentorship Award for College Park Scholars**: Allison Patch

Please also join me in congratulating our students who defended and submitted all revisions for their Ph.D.

Katti McNally  
Julian Wamble  
Raymond Williams

We have a number of other students completing final revisions and more defenses in May as well.

If you haven’t yet seen the impressive listing of graduate student peer-reviewed publications please see the following link: [https://gvpt.umd.edu/sites/gvpt.umd.edu/files/gvpt_graduate_student_publications_2011-2017.pdf](https://gvpt.umd.edu/sites/gvpt.umd.edu/files/gvpt_graduate_student_publications_2011-2017.pdf)

If current students or recent graduates have updates to the list please let me know.

Keep up the great work!

Mike Hanmer  
GVPT Director of Graduate Studies

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR**

As Placement Director, I am here to help with any issues related to job searches and career planning more generally. Please feel free to ask me questions about any aspect of the process – from thinking about what type of job to pursue, to applying and interviewing, to seeking job outside academia. I am happy to comment on CVs and job application materials.

For students not yet on the market, don’t wait to ask your questions and learn about the process.

Anyone on the market this year who receives an invitation to interview should immediately contact me to arrange a practice job talk.

Maryland has recently placed graduate students at top departments for tenure-track jobs and post-docs, and I look forward to helping to continue this trend.

Kathleen Cunningham  
Director of Placement

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**MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**
New Director of Undergraduate Studies

Dr. David Cunningham will assume the role of Director of Undergraduate Studies in August. Dr. Cunningham is an Associate Professor in the Department of Government and Politics specializing in International Relations. Dr. Cunningham is stepping down from his role as the Director of GVPT Honors

New Director of GVPT Honors Program

Dr. John McCauley will begin his role as the Director of GVPT Honors Program in August as well. Dr. McCauley is and Associate Professor in the Department of Government and Politics specializing in Comparative Politics.

Book Orders
Book orders for Summer 2018 and Fall 2018 are due. If you have not already done so, please submit your book orders ASAP.

Commencement Information
The departmental commencement ceremony will take place on Monday, May 21st at 12:30pm in the Reckord Armory. Thank you to those who volunteered to participate in the ceremony!

Undergraduate Scholarship Winners
The department awarded over $25k in scholarships this spring. Let us highlight and congratulate those winners:

- Anaum Cheema: Fishlinger Scholarship
- Madalyn Cohee: Maryy Elizabeth Roby Scholarship Award
- Amit Dadon: Joe Oppenheimer Scholarship Award
- Corinne DeFrancisci: Kenneth Vaughn Vaughn Scholarship Award
- Julia Kim: Kenneth and Jacqueline Ulman Scholarship
- Oleksiy Krylyuk: Wayne V. McIntosh Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship Award
- Rhea Liberman: Paul S. and Lisa M. Mandell Scholarship
- Benjamin Reichard: Brian M. Gardner Public Service Award

Advising Award Given to GVPT Advisor

Our own Jillian Santos was awarded the BSOS Outstanding Undergraduate Advisor Award. Congratulations Jillian!

Irwin Morris
Interim Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies
Karmin Cortes
Assistant Director for GVPT Undergraduate Studies

**GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

If you would like to get in touch with the GSA Co-Chairs, Nick Miras and Alauna Safarpour, you can contact them at

nmiras@terpmail.umd.edu and acsafar@umd.edu.

**STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION**

**MAKE-UP EXAMS** (Proctoring)
The main office staff does not proctor or oversee make-up exams. Make-up exams will not be held in the GVPT main Office Conference Room.

**RETURNING STUDENT PAPERS**
The main office staff does not collect or return student papers. If you want to provide a pick-up service, give the students a time when you will be in your office for them to pick the papers up. Leaving papers out for the students to flip through is a violation of student privacy. The best suggestion is to ask the students to provide a self addressed and stamped envelope and you will return the papers to them.

**INSTALLING Personal Network Devices IS PROHIBITED**
Please refrain from connecting your own networking devices to the campus network. Not only is this a violation of the Policy on the Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources (http://www.nethics.umd.edu/aup/), but also could cause much disruption to you, your colleagues, and our students. Such disruptions may be as serious as multi-building wide network outages (i.e., entire building data and voice services become unavailable).

If such a device is found on the network (i.e., a wired or wireless device that can hand out IP addresses) the device owner will be referred to the Division of IT’s Security Office and their device will be confiscated.

If you have needs that you feel the campus network cannot fulfill, please contact OACS. We will work with you and our network and security offices to devise a networking solution that works for you, yet is in compliance with the campus’ security rules and regulations.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR PHD Alums**

**Chapter and Article Publications**


**Other**

**FIELD UPDATES - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

**AMERICAN POLITICS FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

The American Politics Workshop is a bi-weekly research colloquium for faculty and graduate students. The workshop constitutes an ongoing research community where participants present and discuss papers in an informal, supportive environment. Papers are made available via the workshop website in advance of our meetings, and participants are expected to have read them. Discussion leaders are assigned on a rotating basis, matching papers with discussants who share complementary research interests. Many of the papers presented in recent years have gone on to publication in top tier political science journals.

The workshop is especially beneficial for our graduate students. It provides an excellent opportunity to interact with the American Politics faculty outside of the classroom and, for advanced graduate students actively engaged in scholarly research, the workshop can also be an invaluable source of professional advice. The American Politics faculty strongly encourages all of our graduate students to regularly participate in the workshop.

The AP Workshop website is: [http://www.gvpt.umd.edu](http://www.gvpt.umd.edu). Click the research tab and then select the American Politics Workshop.

**Workshops are held from 11-12:30pm** at the locations listed by date. While the workshop focuses on issues in American politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend.

**Spring 2018 Workshop Schedule:**

**16-Mar**  Frances Lee  
“Trump, the Republican Congress, and Questions of Party Unity in a Polarized Congress”  
Discussants: Kris Miler and SoRelle Wycoff

**30-Mar**  Heather Hicks  
“Intersectional Stereotyping and Support for Black Women Candidates”  
Discussants: Lilliana Mason and Julian Wamble

**13-Apr**  Irwin Morris  
“Title TBA”  
Discussants: TBA

**27-Apr**  Melissa Deckman (Washington College)  
“Title TBA”  
Discussants: TBA
11-May 2113 CHIN

COMPARATIVE POLITICS FIELD – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

Throughout the course of the semester we will hold periodic gatherings for the comparative field, including social events, speakers, and special topic seminars (e.g. how to do research in the field, how to get grants to go overseas). The comparative subfield is putting together a stellar lineup of guest speakers for the Fall. Although the Comparative Politics Workshop focuses on comparative politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend. Workshops are held from 11-12:30pm.

Spring 2018 Workshop Schedule:

4-Apr Dr. Calvert Jones 2113 CHIN
18-Apr Dr. Ernesto Calvo 2113 CHIN

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD/CIDCM – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

At the CIDCM/IR Workshop, researchers’ present work-in-progress on all topics related to international relations. The research presented often, but not exclusively, focuses on issues related to state development and the causes and prevention of conflict between and within states. The workshop prides itself on showcasing work that is novel, methodologically rigorous, and crosses traditional subfield and disciplinary boundaries.

Workshops are open to all who are interested, especially members of the GVPT department and faculty from related departments and schools. They are generally held 5-6 times a semester, on Mondays from 11:00-12:15 p.m. in 1109 Chincoteague Hall.

See the schedule below for specific details of a presentation. If you have questions please e-mail cidcminfo@umd.edu. If you would like to present a paper, please e-mail Professor Kathleen Cunningham.

Spring 2018 Workshop Schedule:

9-April Kaitlyn Webster (Duke)
Title TBA

30-April Suzanna Campbell (American University)
"Bringing Positive Peace into Empirical Analyses of Conflict: A Latent Variable Approach”

7-May Roman Krtsch (Konstanz University)
“The Tactical Use of Civil Resistance by Armed Rebels. Evidence from India's Maoist Insurgency”

POLITICAL THEORY FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS
Please watch for emails and newsletters for panels as we schedule them. All graduate students and faculty are welcome, especially those with some interest in wars and/or game theory. A lot of really clever work has been done recently in this area. So even if you don't care at all about wars, and couldn't care less about game theory, you should come just to find out what is going on.

For more information contact Professor James Glass jglass1@umd.edu.

POLITICAL METHODOLOGY & FORMAL THEORY FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

Please watch for emails and newsletters for panels as we schedule them. All graduate students and faculty are welcome.

For information and details of the Political Methodology and Formal Theory Field, please contact Professor Sarah Croco scroco@umd.edu.

CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)

Our undergraduate research symposium will be on Monday, May 7. Our six undergraduate research assistants will present the findings from their research projects and answer questions from faculty, staff, and other students.
We are currently accepting applications for our summer and fall internship and research assistant programs. Applications are available online at capc.umd.edu. The internship program deadlines are June 15 (summer) and August 24 (fall). The research assistant program deadlines are June 15 (summer) and August 20 (fall). Additionally, we will be awarding one Latino Fellowship during the fall semester for a student to research issues related to race and ethnicity in American politics. The deadline to apply is August 24.

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

Summer Course on the Israeli Palestine Experiment
Sadat Chair for Peace

The Sadat Forum

On Tuesday, May 1st, the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development will be hosting a group from the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia as part of their “Inside Washington” trip. Later in the month, Dr. Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development, will be participating in the ninth annual conference of The Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) at The George Washington University. He will be speaking on a plenary panel on “What’s Next for Israel and Palestine.”

The Sadat Forum was held on Thursday, April 19. A Conversation with America's Top Diplomat for the Middle East featuring Ambassador David Satterfield (Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs). The conversation covered some of the major challenges facing American policy in the Middle East including Syria, Iran, Yemen, Lebanon, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and more.

Please find the link to the recording here: go.umd.edu/watchsadatforum2018

Bahá’í Chair for World Peace

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS
Books Published


Chapters and Articles


Uslaner, Ric Inequality and Democratic Politics in East Asia, edited with Chong-Min Park, accepted for publication by Routledge.

Lectures, Presentations and Other


Mason, Lilliana was a panelist at Georgetown McCourt School of Public Policy: "Crisis of Confidence: Understanding Why Americans Have Lost Faith in Our Institutions," March 19, 2018; she was a participant at American University Conference: "The Politics of Truth." March 28, 2018; and was a speaker at University of Minnesota Conference: "Symbolic and Material Dimensions of Contemporary Political Behavior in the U.S.” April 27, 2018.

Uslaner, Ric Keynote speech, "The Historical Roots of Corruption," XIX April International Academic Conference On Economic and Social Development — Higher School of Economics, National Research University, Moscow, Russia, April 10-13; and did a Keynote speech, "The Historical Roots of Corruption," Institute for Corruption Studies Workshop, Chicago, May 4-5 (http://greasethewheels.org/events/).
Awards

**Birnir, Johanna** was awarded Promotion to Full Professor starting in 2018-2019.

**Croco, Sarah** was awarded the 2017-18 Philip Merrill Presidential Scholar Mentor from the Office of Undergraduate Studies

**Hadden, Jennifer** was awarded Promotion and Tenure to Associate Professor starting in 2018-2019.

**Hanmer, Michael** was awarded Promotion to Full Professor starting in 2018-2019. Mike was also awarded the BSOS Excellence in Mentorship Award.

**McCaulley, John** received (as Principal Investigator) a $1,000,000 grant from the State Department to study Terrorism in Benin.

**Miler, Kristina** was awarded Promotion and Tenure to Associate Professor starting in 2018-2019.

**Spivey, Michael** was awarded the 2018 Excellence in Teaching Award - Lecturer or Instructor.

**Telhami, Shibley** was awarded the University of Maryland 2018-2019 Distinguished Scholar Teacher Award.

**GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Chapters and Articles**


**Grants and Awards**

**Trey Billing**  
2017-18 Donald C. Piper Award  
2018 Excellence in Teaching Award - Graduate Teaching Assistant  
2018 Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship.

**Jorie Breslawski**  
2018-2019 UMCP Graduate School All-S.T.A.R. Fellowship

**Heather Hicks**  
2018-19 Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship Award

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